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New book has free facts on financial aid sources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (Dec. 24, 2003)—If you're puzzled about where to find financial aid, *Affording Higher Education 2003-2004* has the answers. There are plenty of sources of financial aid for Alabama high school seniors.

Affording Higher Education lists some 4,000 different scholarships, grants, student loans and other sources of student aid. Now in its first edition, the book will be published annually by the Alabama Student Loan Program—KHEAA. It lists the different types of financial assistance offered by Alabama colleges and universities, technical schools, businesses, organizations and state and federal agencies.

"Students shouldn't have to pay for information about financial aid or for help in obtaining a scholarship," said Dr. Joe McCormick, executive director of KHEAA. "Anyone who charges a fee to help find or 'guarantee' a scholarship is likely to be putting money in their own pocket, but not in yours. Financial aid scams have become so prevalent in this country there is now a federal law specifically to prevent preying on confused and overwhelmed families preparing to send a child to college."

Affording Higher Education is distributed free to every high school counselor and public library in the state.

For more information, call (800) 392-5658 or (334) 242-7335; visit www.alstudentaid.com; or write the Alabama Student Loan People—KHEAA, 100 North Union Street, Suite 308, Montgomery AL 36104-3702.